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the image of his onely begotten sonne Iesus Christ: they walke religiously in good workes, & at length by gods mercy, they attaine to everlasting felicitie.

As the godly consideration of predestination and our election in Christ, is full of sweete, pleasant, and unspeakable comfort to godly persons, & such as feelee in them selues the working of the spirite of Christ, mortifying the workes of the flesh, & their earthly members, and drawing vp their minde to hygh and heauenly things, as wel because it doeth greatly establysh and confirme their fayth of eternall saluation to be enioyed through Christ, as because it doth feruently kindle their loue towards God: So, for curious and carnal persons, lacking the spirite of Christ, to haue continually before their eyes the sentēce of Gods predestination, is a most dangerous downefall, whereby the deuill doth thrust them either into desperation, or into rechelesnesse of most vncleane lining, no lesse perillous then desperation.

Furthermore, we must receyue Gods promises in such wise, as they be generally set forth to vs in holy scripture: and in our doings, that wil of God is to be folowed, which we haue expressely declared vnto vs in the word of God.

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of religion.

18 *Of obtayning eternal saluation, only by the name of Christ.*

They also are to be had accursed, & presume to say, that euery man shalbe saued by the lawe or sect which he professeth, so that he be diligent to frame his life according to y^e lawe, & the light of nature. For holy Scripture doth set out vnto vs onely the name of Iesus Christe, whereby men must be saued.

19 *Of the Church.*

The visibible Church of Christ, is a congregation of faithfull men, in the which the pure word of God is preached, and the Sacraments be duely ministred, according to Christes ordinaunce, in all those thinges that of necessitie are requisite to the same.

As the Church of Hierusalem, Alexandria, & Antioche haue erred: so also y^e Church of Rome hath erred, not only in their lining and maner of ceremonies, but also in matters of faith.

20 *Of the authoritie of the Church.*

The Church hath power to decree Rites or Ceremonies, and authoritie in controuersies of faith: And yet it is not lawfull for the Church to ordaine any thing that is cōtrarie to

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